

Recommendations and Problems

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MAP LIBRARY DIVISION

None reported.

CARTOGRAPHY DIVISION

The high priority of the Cuba project interfered markedly with current operations of the reproduction plant resulting in delays in meeting deadlines of other work in the Division.

Due to the impact of the Cuban project, the short deadlines on ERA work, and the Territorial Seas project, the Division failed to meet certain previously committed deadlines. Also, these rush projects required an almost excessive use of overtime in certain components of the Division.

DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION BRANCH

For the second year in succession, specialized mathematical cartography courses offered by the USDA Graduate School have been cancelled because the minimum enrollment quotas were not met. The need for this specialized training is becoming more important in the Branch to keep abreast of technical developments in cartography, and some other means of obtaining the training may have to be devised.

GEOGRAPHY DIVISION

In connection with the Atlas of Soviet Administrative Maps, the disclaimer note regarding U.S. recognition of boundaries on the index map was felt to be insufficient to avoid criticism; also, it was thought a similar, perhaps more specific, statement in the introduction should be included. The matter was pursued in the form of a question to Dr. Hodgson, IRC/GE, Department of State, which has resulted in a memorandum defining the Department's position in this particular case, i.e., that a disclaimer note had to be affixed to each of the 117 sheets in the atlas. In subsequent discussions, it was decided that it would be desirable also to revise the title and introduction to avoid any statement that could be construed as U.S. recognition of the incorporation of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania and the acceptance of certain other boundaries.

The incoming document load for Western Europe is too great to handle. Steps are being taken to redistribute area responsibilities and to revise further the Reading Panel requirements for the area.

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GEOGRAPHY DIVISION (Cont'd)

FAR EAST/PACIFIC BRANCH

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The impending departure of [REDACTED] of FDD, who has been active in the translation and preparation of source materials for the map of Administrative Divisions of Indonesia, makes it highly desirable that the map be completed before he becomes inaccessible for consultation. The map, to date, has been a low priority project in D/GC, but it is hoped that it can now be expedited. This problem has been discussed with [REDACTED] GC/F.

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EUROPE BRANCH

The suggestion was passed on to the Division Chief that the planning for IGU intelligence collection be stepped up. In order to avoid duplication of effort by our representatives it would be well to have one of them act as coordinator at the Stockholm meeting. He could be the custodian of requirements previously agreed upon, and he could check periodically with other representatives on the progress in filling different requirements. The same individual might act as liaison with DD/P on Conference coverage.

NEAR EAST/AFRICA BRANCH

Analysts in the Branch would appreciate notification of D/GL reruns being given at the same time that D/GC receives notification.

SPECIAL RESEARCH BRANCH

Assistance is being provided to Mr. Hodges<sup>SGM</sup>, State, to convince the Antarctic Staff, State, of the necessity to issue a policy guidance memo to U.S. mapping agencies that would exclude Antarctic sector claims from U.S. official maps in conformity with an OCB recommendation. CIA implementation of this policy has already been placed into effect.